

MINUTES OF THE LAFAYETTE COMMON COUNCIL
JULY 6, 1998
REGULAR SESSION

The Common Council of the City of Lafayette, Indiana met in Regular Session on Monday, July 6, 1998, at 7:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers, 20 North 6th Street, Lafayette, Indiana.

President Altting called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

The St. Boniface Boy Scout Troop 303 led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of our Country.

The following members were:

Present:	Boehning, Meyer, Probasco, Campbell, Downie, Rhoda, Fisher, Altting
Absent:	Smith

Councilman Campbell moved to approve the June 1, 1998 Minutes, Councilman Downie seconded. The Minutes were accepted by unanimous Voice Vote.

The Clerk stated that there were no Presentations or Disposal of Claims or Presentations of Petitions or Communications.

The Clerk stated that the following reports are available in the Clerk's Office:

- Clerk's Office Report – May 1998
- Controllers Monthly – May 1998
- Motor Vehicle Report – May 1998
- Miscellaneous Monthly Department Reports

President Altting stated that Council would hear Resolution 98-14 as the first agenda item due to the time constraints of Mr. Brett McKee. The Clerk read Resolution 98-14 (Resolution of the City of Lafayette, Indiana Approving the Transfer of the Cable Television Franchise) by title only for first and final reading. Councilman Boehning moved for passage, Councilman Downie seconded. Brett McKee, Insight Communication, explained the transfer of ownership. Resolution 98-14 passed 7-0 on a roll call vote.

The Clerk read Ordinance 98-32 (An Ordinance Re-Affirming the Creation of a Historic District Review Board in and for the City of Lafayette, Indiana) by title only for second and final reading. Councilman Probasco moved for passage, Councilman Meyer seconded. Sandy Lahr, 822 Kossuth Street, spoke in favor of the re-affirmation of the Ordinance. Councilman Probasco spoke in favor of the Ordinance. Ordinance 98-32 passed 7-0 on a roll call vote.

The Clerk read Ordinance 98-34 (Establishing Purchasing Rules for the City of Lafayette) by title only for second and final reading. Councilman Campbell moved for passage, Councilman Downie seconded. Leslie Ainley, Purchasing Manager, stated that there was one change to the Ordinance that would add the Park Department as a purchasing agency. Councilman Boehning moved to amend the Ordinance, Councilman Meyer seconded. The motion to amend passed 7-0 on a roll call vote. Ordinance 98-34, as amended, passed 7-0 on a roll call vote.

The Clerk read Ordinance 98-35 (An Ordinance to Vacate a portion of the Public Way in the City of Lafayette, Indiana, St. James Lutheran Church, Petitioner) by title only for first reading.

Councilman Meyer moved for passage, Councilman Downie seconded. Joseph Bumbleburg, representing the Petitioner, explained the request to vacate an alley. Opal Kuhl, City Engineer, stated that she has looked at the property and could not determine any improvements which have been made by the city. Ordinance 98-35 passed 7-0 on a roll call vote.

Councilman Campbell moved to set a public hearing on Ordinance 98-35 for August 3, 1998 at 7:01 p.m., Councilman Rhoda seconded. The motion passed by unanimous Voice Vote.

The Clerk read Ordinance 98-36 (An Ordinance to Transfer Monies Within the Police Department) by title only for first reading. Councilman Probasco moved for passage, Councilman Fisher seconded. Police Chief Gene Reed explained the need for the transfer. Ordinance 98-36 passed 7-0 on a roll call vote.

Councilman Campbell moved to suspend the rules to hear Ordinance 98-36 on second and final reading, Councilman Rhoda seconded. The motion to suspend the rules passed 7-0 on a roll call vote.

Councilman Rhoda moved for passage of Ordinance 98-36 on second and final reading, Councilman Fisher seconded. Ordinance 98-36 passed 7-0 on second and final reading.

The Clerk read Ordinance 98-37 (An Ordinance to Amend the Zoning Ordinance of Tippecanoe County, Indiana, to rezone certain real estate from PDRS to PDRS, Jerry L. Downham, Centennial Neighborhood Planned Development, Phase 2, Petitioner) by title only for first and final reading. Councilman Rhoda moved for passage, Councilman Downie seconded. Gary Wolfelt, 812 Main Street, representing the petitioner, explained the proposal and distributed photographs. Dave Lahr, 822 Kossuth Street, requested that the Ordinance be tabled in order to look at alternatives for this proposal. Phyllis Hunt, 602 N. 5th Street, encouraged council to wait until the consolidated neighborhood revitalization plan is completed in about 2 ½ months to act on the proposal. Roberta Deagan, 409 Perrin Avenue, spoke in opposition to the Ordinance. William B. Risk, 609 N. 5th Street property owner, spoke in favor of the proposal. Jo Meade, 603 N. 5th Street, spoke in favor of the proposal. Leon Thorpe, 634 N. 5th Street, spoke in opposition to the proposal. Della Borie, 614 Ferry Street, spoke against the Ordinance. Ed Wagner, property owner in Centennial neighborhood, spoke in favor of the proposal. Dick Nagel, 620 Ferry Street, spoke against the proposal. Councilman Downie moved to table the proposal until time uncertain, Councilman Meyer seconded. Councilman Meyer stated that he supports the motion to table, however, he expressed his desire to work with the petitioner to develop an appropriate plan for the neighborhood. Mr. Wolfelt further explained the proposal. Councilman Probasco suggested that the ordinance should be tabled until time certain to let the petitioners' plan accordingly. Councilman Campbell stated that the study should be conducted and the ordinance should be acted on immediately after the study is complete. Councilman Downie corrected the motion to table Ordinance 98-37 until time certain, October 5, 1998, Councilman Meyer seconded. The motion to table Ordinance 98-37 until the October 5, 1998 Council meeting passed 7-0 on a roll call vote.

The Clerk read Ordinance 98-38 (An Ordinance Fixing the Salaries for the Appointed Officers and Employees of the City of Lafayette, Indiana, for the Years 1999 and 2000) by title only for first reading. Councilman Campbell moved for passage, Councilman Downie seconded. Councilman Probasco moved to amend Ordinance 98-38 in its entirety, which includes new language on the cover sheet, Councilman Campbell seconded. Mayor Heath stated that in 1996 salaries were not consistent throughout city government and stated that a study has been conducted to reflect various comparisons in the marketplace. Mayor Heath stated that this salary ordinance reflects changes to implement the study that was conducted as well as a 5% increase for 1999 and a 4% increase for

the year 2000. Councilman Probasco, chairman of the finance committee, stated that this is a benefit to the city employees and encouraged council support. Ordinance 98-38 passed 7-0 on a roll call vote.

Councilman Rhoda moved to suspend the rules to hear Ordinance 98-39, which was not submitted by the deadline for council filings, Councilman Fisher seconded. The motion to suspend the rules passed by unanimous Voice Vote. The Clerk read Ordinance 98-39 (An Ordinance Amending Chapter 3 of Ordinance 97-51 Being the Unified Zoning Ordinance of Tippecanoe County) for first and final reading. Councilman Fisher moved for passage, Councilman Boehning seconded. Councilman Rhoda explained the proposal. Ordinance 98-39 passed 7-0 on a roll call vote.

The Clerk read Resolution 98-13 (Requesting the Performance of a State Road 38 Corridor Study by the Indiana Department of Transportation) by title only for first and final reading. Councilman Campbell moved for passage, Councilman Downie seconded. Councilman Campbell stated that the study should be conducted to avoid the problems that are encountered on SR 26. Resolution 98-13 passed 7-0 on a roll call vote.

There were no Reports of Standing Committees or Special Committees.

Mayor Heath reported on traffic signal progress throughout the city. The Mayor reported on the progress of Armstrong Park, which is 12% complete. Mayor Heath stated that bids for the Columbian Park Aquatic Center are due by August 5, 1998.

Miscellaneous and New Business: Councilman Campbell moved to set a Special Meeting for July 29, 1998 for 6:00 p.m. to hear Ordinance 98-38 for second and final reading, Councilman Fisher seconded. The motion passed by unanimous Voice Vote.

Reports of Councilmen: Councilman Campbell requested that the City Clerk send a letter to Deputy Police Chief James Reeves commending him on his years of service to the Police Department. Councilmen Campbell also requested that Kathy Wade provide council with the names of retiring city employees. President Alting stated that the Vietnam Wall would remain in Tippecanoe County until July 8, 1998.

There was no Public Comment.

There being no further business to come before the Council, Councilman Campbell moved to adjourn, Councilman Probasco seconded. The Motion passed by unanimous Voice Vote. Time being 8:26 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Lisa Decker, City Clerk.